

# Teachers Get 4 Per Cent Hike in Salaries

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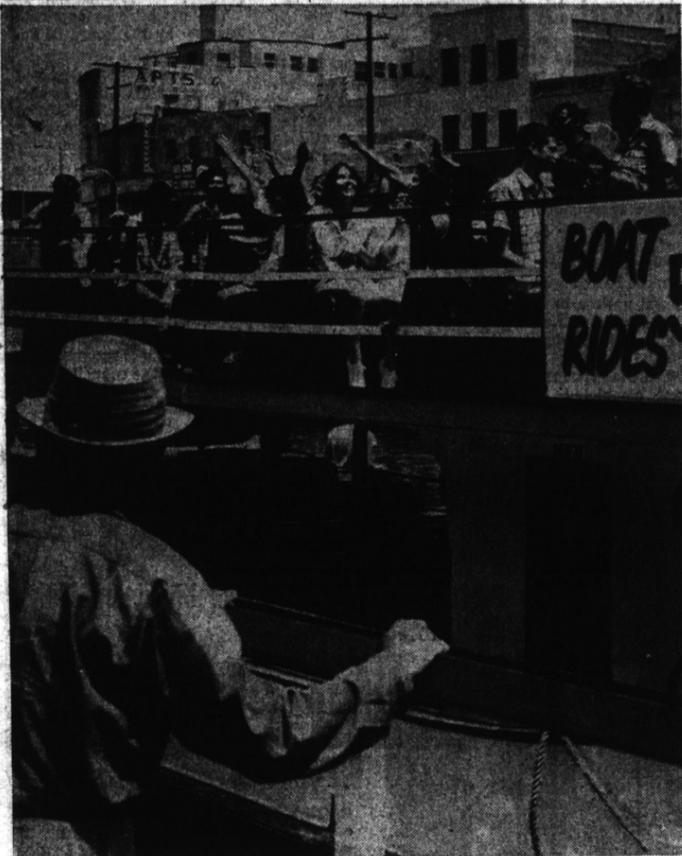
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**GOIN' FISHERIN' . . .** A group of blind children ready to leave Redondo Beach Sports Fishing Pier on a fishing trip to a barge off the coast yesterday. The children were the first to take part in the Foundation for the Junior Blind's summer fishing program from the Redondo pier. Director of the expedition is Bill Williams. (top photo) (Story on Page A-2) (Press-Herald Photo)

# Council Orders Study Of Zoning Near Court

## Plans for Law Office Denied

By ED FREUDENBURG  
Press-Herald Staff Writer

A proposed land use change on Maple Avenue across from the new Southwest Superior Courts building sparked controversy in city council chambers last night between residents of the immediate area.

The council conducted open hearings on the proposal of a law firm to operate the home at the corner of Maple Avenue and Maricopa Street. But, the hearings turned into a discussion between residents of Maple Avenue and Felbar Avenue over the future of the whole residential area near the court house.

Councilmen denied the request by T. O'Connor, representing the law firm, for a change in the use of the land from residential to professional. In so doing, councilmen followed a recommendation for denial made by the city's Planning Commission in June.

**BUT, BEFORE** the council made its decision, residents clashed over the commercial use of Maple Avenue and the residential aspects of Felbar Avenue.

O'Connor told the council, "Out of 19 homes which face the court house, 16 would prefer to have a zone change to permit professional use." However, in the present request, no zone change was asked of the council. The area east of the courthouse is now exclusively single dwelling homes.

Residents of Maple Avenue facing the court house offered a petition to the council supporting a complete zone change and commented that the area had "lost its residential nature."

**PAUL STOCK**, who lives immediately in front of the court building, told the council that the character of the street had been changed because of parking, increased traffic and noise. He said he has had trouble

with people leaving their cars in front of his home for several days because they were sentenced and jailed in the court house across the street.

Conversely, Attorney Rod Buck, representing residents on Felbar Avenue immediately east of Maple Avenue, told the council that the problem of Maple Avenue would just be extended deeper into the residential area if Maple Avenue were made commercial.

"Where is the civic center?" (See COUNCIL, Page A-2)

## City Asks Court for Nine Lots

Condemnation suits asking the Superior Court to declare the city owner of nine parcels in the Meadow Park urban renewal area were filed here Monday.

Five of the lots, which are located in the 23800 block of Park and Ward streets and Hawthorne Boulevard, are owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosley of 23846 Ward St. Jack M. Roth, of Los Angeles, owns the remaining four lots.

The court action was filed following action July 18 by the Torrance City Council.

**THE AREA** involved is now residential and commercial in nature, but is to be redeveloped as an industrial park under the urban renewal program.

In its suit, the city declared the nine lots should be condemned because of "buildings which are detrimental to the safety, health, and morals of the people by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement, and lack of ventilation."

The Southwest Superior Court was asked to set the value of the land for compensation to its owners.

# Trustees Clash on TEA Pay Proposal

By TIM O'DONNELL  
Press-Herald Staff Writer

Teachers in the Torrance schools won an average 4.17 per cent increase in salaries Monday night on a 4-1 vote of the Board of Education.

Approval of the salary schedule ended some 10 weeks of negotiations between the Torrance Education Association (TEA), the school board, and school administrators.

The new schedule, with a minimum of \$6,200 and a maximum salary of \$12,203, does not provide for the 2-to-1 ratio between minimum and maximum pay levels which the TEA had sought.

**COST OF THE** increase is estimated at \$468,664 for the coming year.

Teachers, with the support of Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, had sought a

salary schedule with a \$6,200 minimum and a \$12,400 maximum. Such a schedule would have cost an additional \$144,000, the board was told.

The dissenting vote came from Dr. Donald E. Wilson, who accused his colleagues "of being guilty on four counts." Dr. Wilson charged that the board was "(1) being dishonest to teachers; (2) violating, if not usurping, the spirit of the law in ignoring the results of the Negotiating Council; (3) being imprudent in the investment of taxpayers' money; and (4) being unfair to the children in the district in not providing them the best paid teachers."

**DR. WILSON'S** remarks brought a quick reply from Board President Bert M. Lynn, who said he felt the remarks were an attempt to "impune my integrity." Lynn said the board "does not have to be ashamed of this salary schedule." (See SALARIES, Page A-2)

### ON BEER PARTY

## 14 Youths Held In Police Raid

Fourteen youths were arrested Monday night in a Torrance police raid on a party in a vacant house after rock throwing juveniles hindered officers attempting to apprehend several fleeing suspects.

Officer Edward Estrada was hit in the head by a rock thrown by a group of male juveniles as he was attempting to hold two suspects in custody at the corner of 168th Street and Francis Court.

Arrested on charges of lack of parental supervision were 11 male juveniles and one female juvenile as they fled the scene of a party at 16717 Francis Court. Police reported that the house had been vacant for two days prior to the party and was not furnished.

Held on charges of trespassing were Jack Perkins, 18, of 4119 W. 184th St., and Richard Tuffey, 18, of 18736 Van Ness Ave. Both men were found at the scene with several other juveniles, although the juveniles were not charged with trespassing.

Seven officers participated in the raid about 10 p.m. and had to apprehend several suspects as they ran through streets and private yards as

well as in the vacant home. At the scene, police found several cans of open and unopened beer. The juveniles were later released to their parents.

## Assault Suspect Guilty

Twenty-year-old George Sloss was convicted Tuesday on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and grand theft auto in Southwest Superior Court for seriously injuring Torrance detective Lee Graber with a stolen car last February.

Superior Court Judge Newell Barrett handed down the decision after he set aside a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Sloss will be sentenced Aug. 15 in Division F of Southwest Superior Court.

**DURING** testimony, Sloss said, "I did not try to hit him," although he said, "I knew I hit the man." The intent of Sloss' actions was a major point of the defense, although the defendant admitted he had stolen the auto. "After I hit him, I was too scared. I don't know what happened," Sloss pleaded before the court.

**ON FEBRUARY 3**, Sloss was shot by Graber's partner, Robert Such, as Sloss hit Graber who was attempting to flag his car down at 146th and Cerise streets.

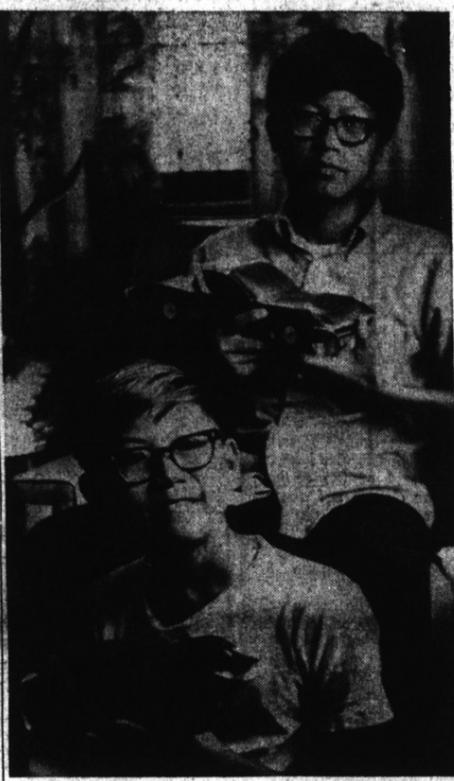
Sloss' stolen auto then went through the intersection and hit a brick wall. Sloss was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a bullet wound in his jaw.

Judge Barrett said during his judgment that there was "reasonable doubt with assault to commit murder."

## Furniture Store Hit by Burglar

Police are seeking a burglar who took \$450 in cash from a file cabinet safe at Alper's Furniture, 20502 Hawthorne Blvd., Monday night after ransacking the store's office.

The burglar also searched for valuables under several pieces of furniture in the showroom. The burglar apparently entered through a door pried open with a tool.



**STYLE-SETTERS . . .** David Wong (bottom) and his brother Karlin show off the futuristic auto styles which won them top places in the 1967 Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild regional model car competition. David's model will compete for a national trophy and a scholarship later this week in Detroit. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Brothers Win Design Honors

Torrance residents David and Karlin Wong, both of 1647 W. 228th St., have been named state award winners in the sixth year of competition and David's fourth year.

As regional winner, David's model also is eligible for one of eight national scholarships worth a total of \$28,000. Winners of the national competition will be announced Friday in Michigan.

Each year, the Guild offers cash prizes and university scholarships totaling \$117,000 to boys who design and build scale model autos that represent their ideas of cars of the future.

## Decision on Anti-War March Due

The coordinator of a student group seeking a permit to demonstrate against a Torrance chemical firm Aug. 6 has told the city's License Review Board an alternate site for the demonstration will not be acceptable.

Mike McCabe, coordinator of the Student Mobilization Committee, said Monday that a line of march which does not pass the Dow Chemical Co. at 305 S. Crenshaw Blvd. will destroy the object of the march.

M McCabe made the statement Monday as hearings on the permit application were concluded. The city board has indicated it will announce a decision tomorrow when it convenes for a regular meeting.

The Crenshaw Boulevard route is opposed by city traffic officials and by the fire department, since it would

require that Crenshaw Boulevard be closed for up to five hours.

That point has posed the biggest problem for McCabe's group, as closing of one of the city's only two north-south arterial highways would seriously hamper fire and police mobility and put an overload of traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard, traffic authorities said.

Captain Philip Wilson of the Torrance Police Department testified that the Dow Chemical location would be dangerous for the expected 15,000 demonstrators in case of a riot.

He referred to a large coil fence along Crenshaw Boulevard which would make it impossible for persons to escape in case of a violent outbreak.

M McCabe said the police had no reason to assume there

would be a riot on the site of the march.

Police Capt. Robert Hammond admitted that police have no confirmed information that any group is in fact planning a riot, but he said his men had to anticipate the possibility of one occurring.

M McCabe told the board he would retract his request if a Los Angeles City board approves a similar permit for a march Aug. 6 in the La Fayette park area. That board is scheduled to meet to discuss the permit today.

Various city department heads have submitted a list of regulations to be conditions added to the original plan. The license board is to meet tomorrow morning at 10:15.

Members have indicated they will make a decision at that time.

## Chamber Official On Board

J. Walker Owens, general manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been named to serve as a member of the Board of Regents of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States Institutes for Organization Management, it has been announced by Allan Shivers, president of the national group.

The Board of Regents develops curriculum and standards and is responsible for overall supervision of the institutes which conduct seminars for professional chamber of commerce personnel.

Owens will serve with the five-member western division of the board.

### College Study Approved . . .

A resolution calling for a new study of a site for a four-year college in the South Bay-Torrance area has been approved by the Senate Finance Committee and placed on the "consent" calendar for action. The resolution, authored by Senator Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena) was approved by the Senate Rules Committee last week. The measure, which is almost certain to pass the full Senate, calls for a report by 1969 and confines the study to the area south of Los Angeles Airport and west of the Harbor Freeway.

### Council to Fill Vacancy . . .

Selection of a man to fill the Torrance City Council vacancy created by the resignation of H. Ted Olson apparently will be made during the middle of August. Councilmen have called a personnel meeting prior to a meeting Thursday, Aug. 3, to begin selection of Olson's successor. The council will not meet next Tuesday because a majority of members will be out of town. Olson, promoted by his firm, has resigned effective Aug. 1.

### Torrance Man Shoots Self . . .

Torrance resident Patrick Lapotosky was reported in good condition Tuesday night in Little Company of Mary Hospital after he accidentally shot himself in the chest with a German-made revolver. Visiting the home of a friend at 5317 Arvada Drive, he told police he was hit after the gun discharged while he was going through a tool box containing the revolver.